

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
28 September 2014
10 o'clock in the morning



*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares
itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership,
leadership and employment, and affirming
of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue
to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.*



Welcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. May this hour of worship, music and praising God bring you rest, renewal and perspective in your life.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

**All who are able please stand.*

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

Please sign and pass the red book.

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather, humbly, to worship the God who carries us through times of challenge.

People: God, create in us a deep awareness of Your grace.

Leader: We gather to exalt the Christ who taught us the ways of sharing grace with one another.

People: Our prayer is that we may extend to others the grace we've known.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit which empowers us in the ways of Christ, through the love of God.

All: In the midst of grace, let us worship God.

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN**

At the Name of Jesus

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 197

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we

forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

The bible tells me so.

(As we all sing Jesus Loves Me, the children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Mendelsohn

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called

the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Seek Ye the Lord

The Chancel Choir

J. Varley Roberts (1882-1919)

Drew Seigla, tenor

*Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
and let him return unto the Lord,
and he will have mercy upon him;
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

(Isaiah 55; 6-7)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your

own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

From New Revised Standard Version

***HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This?

New Century (black) Hymnal 223

SERMON

Just a minute...ok, now

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

CALL TO OFFERING

SOLO

Siciliano

Mary Fike, flute

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

***DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 63

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Prelude to Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1701)

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Memory Garden
(weather permitting) following the worship service.*

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed. On Church School Sundays, we also have a class for 3 and 4 year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website: www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today most Church School classes will hear the story of Deborah as found in the Old Testament book of Judges. Deborah led the Israelites to victory and she reminded them that they belonged to God and that God delivered them from bondage once again. Our 3rd graders will begin their study of the major stories in the Old Testament and the "678" class will tell some bible stories through newspaper headlines.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

Children and Youth Choir Rehearsals Today

Cherub Choir (grades K-2): Room 104 (basement near the Daniels Center), 11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Donald Haviland, director.

Children's Choir (grades 3-6): Room 303 (Craig's office, 3rd floor) 11:15 am - 12:00 pm - Craig Symons, director.

Youth Choir (grades 7-12): Choir Room (3rd floor), 11:15 am - 12:15 pm - Carolyn Paulus, director.

THIS WEEK

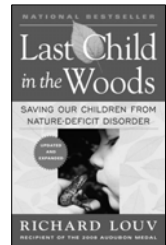
Help Us Plan First Church's 350th Anniversary!

First Church will be celebrating its 350th anniversary in 2015 and the planning is just beginning for this yearlong celebration. If you are interested in being a part of it, please plan to attend the organizational meeting of the 350th Anniversary Committee tomorrow, *Monday, September 29*, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Lounge. The goal of this meeting will be to generate ideas and put together a working group and leadership team. If you have any questions, please contact: Pat Mendelsohn at patmendelsohn@aol.com, Tamara Ng-Yow at tupham123@gmail.com or Pat Larrabee at patlarrabee@hotmail.com.



Book Discussion for Parents

Join us this *Thursday, October 2* at 7 pm for the first event in a new series being sponsored jointly by the Family Ministries Program of First Church and the First Church Preschool relating to the topic of the effects of stress on children. We initiate this series with a book discussion of the landmark book, *Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv. In this book, Louv poignantly points out a growing body of evidence which links the lack of children's exposure to our natural environment to the rise in obesity, attention disorders, and depression. **Please RSVP to:** Rosemary Lamie, at RosemaryL@fccog.org or 203-637-1791 ext. 20 OR Preschool Director, Darla Kohler Steiner at darlak@fccog.org or 203-537-5430.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The FCCOG Wellness Committee and Women's Fellowship are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive next *Saturday, October 4* from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We're looking for volunteers to make refreshments or play the piano, so look for sign-ups at Coffee Hour or contact Betsy Kreuter at 203-637-3069 or Sue Asselin at 203-637-1791, ext 21. As always, blood donors are very much appreciated and appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-GIVE



LIFE. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.

The Rummage Room 50th Anniversary Town Celebration

Please join us on *Saturday, October 4* for the town celebration of The Rummage Room turning 50! Stop by the shop, located at 191 Sound Beach Avenue, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be music, food and, of course, shopping!

NEXT WEEK

Celebrating 50 Years of The Rummage Room Next Sunday!

Next *Sunday, October 5* is our 50th Anniversary celebration during the 10 am service! Don't forget to bring an accessory or wear something from The Rummage Room to church. We will have a presentation and pass out a booklet about our history. Then the celebration will continue at Coffee Hour. Be sure to be there to help us celebrate!

Bible Study is Back!!

Join us on *Sunday, October 5* at 11:30 am in the Lounge when Rev. Avery Manchester will lead an informational meeting to discuss a plan for moving forward with a new study discussion of the Bible. Come and give your input. The NEW Bible Study will then begin on *Sunday, October 19*.

CROP Hunger Walk is Next Sunday, October 5

The Greenwich/Port Chester/Rye CROP Hunger Walk is next *Sunday, October 5* at 2 pm beginning at Second Congregational Church in Greenwich. After an easy walk through downtown Greenwich, the walk ends at Christ Church two miles away. We have a FCCOG Youth team and everyone is welcome to join them. Even if you can't join the walk on Sunday, please donate to the FCCOG Youth Team! Materials for the walk are in the church office and you can also access much more information and make a donation online at crophungerwalk.org/greenwichct.



NEWS AND NOTICES

Celebrating World Food Day

First Church supports the work of Greenwich World Hunger Association and invites you to join in on *Thursday, October 16* as we celebrate World Food Day and draw attention to the Greenwich



World Hunger Association projects currently underway in developing countries. *The Harvest Party* will be held at the Tomes-Higgins House, 216 East Putnam Ave., just east of Christ Church on the same campus, from 6:00 -8:00 pm. Come to hear representatives from the field describe their life-altering projects in developing

countries and enjoy some wine and cheese and some inspiring conversation. RSVP to Sally Kao Jackson at 203-918-5282 or sallykao.jackson@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.GreenwichWorldHunger.org.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Wednesday, October 1: The Halloween Shop will open with great costumes and Spoo-kie decorations for the entire family.

Please support The Rummage Room by donating and shopping.

Over 4 million dollars has been generated in the past 50 years to support women's, children's, and family organizations.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Halloween costumes and decorations.

Look for news and information about the 50th Celebrations to be held at The Rummage Room on *Saturday, October 4*, and during the Worship Service at First Church on *Sunday, October 5* found earlier in today's bulletin announcements.

Shop Hours: Monday -Friday 10 am-5 pm & Saturday 10 am-1 pm.

Donations Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday - Saturday 9:30 am -12:30 pm.

Thought for the Month: *Go for the Pink ...October is dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.*



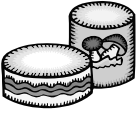
Tai Chi Classes

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black. Classes are held on

Wednesdays at 8:00 am and Thursdays at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Join us! You can even just drop in. All are welcome.

Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

Please remember those in need and donate food items to Neighbor to Neighbor. Items especially needed at this time include: Canned fruit, canned meat (i.e. Spam, ravioli, chili), dry beans (black, kidney) and soup. Please remember that a Food Collection barrel/bin remains in the back of the Meetinghouse all year long.



Next Week at First Congregational Church

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
World Communion Sunday
The Rummage Room 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Music by:

The Youth Choir

A Symphony of Praise by Dana Mengel

The Chancel Choir:

O Clap Your Hands by John Rutter

The Chancel Choir Section Leaders:

O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth (from *Elijah*)
by Felix Mendelssohn

Rev. Richard DenUyl, preaching

Where to find us:
www.fccog.org, Facebook, Twitter,
YouTube, Instagram



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